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REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in the application. Claims 1-11 stand rejected. For at least the reasons presented below, the prior art rejections are overcome and the claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

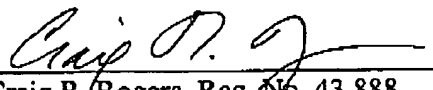
Claims 1-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,607,621 ("Swanson") taken either individually, or in view of either U.S. Patent No. 5,075,149 ("Owens, et al.") or U.S. Patent No. 6,231,949 ("Hoffman, Sr."), and for claims 6-8 in further view of U.S. Patent No. 4,122,222 ("Parker"), the latter reference being taken as evidence of the state of the art, for the reasons set forth in Paragraph No. 11 of Paper No. 021406. More particularly, the Examiner maintains that Swanson is prior art to the invention. Accordingly, the Examiner found the *prima facie* case of record un rebutted.

Applicant has recently been able to procure Mr. Swanson's cooperation in signing the necessary paperwork to correct inventorship of the present application. A copy of the concurrently submitted documents to correct inventorship is provided to the Examiner for his convenience and ease of reference. Applicant is therefore entitled to the claim of priority from U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/618,166 and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/595,635 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,607,621 ("Swanson")) and Swanson is not prior art to the instant application. Accordingly, Swanson cannot be used as a primary reference in rejecting the claims. Claims 1-11 are therefore in condition for allowance.

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-11 of the application as amended is requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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